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MEXICAN REPORTS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Great Interest Centers in Carranza's Reply to Request of Americans to Use Railroads in Transporting Supplies—Additional Forces Arriving at Columbus and Other Border Towns

EL PASO, Texas, March 20. — The problem of granting the United States government permission to use the Mexican railways to transport supplies to American troops pursuing Francisco Villa overshadowed everything else in the Mexican situation today.

The reply of Gen. Carranza to the request of the government for permission to use the railroad was expected to be sent forward to Washington today.

A refusal will embarrass the operations of the American troops, while granting of the request, it was declared, would be bound to be seriously misinterpreted by a considerable section of Mexican people and to be exploited by the enemies of Gen. Carranza.

Dr. I. J. Bush, formerly chief surgeon of Madero's army, asserted today that speedy transportation facilities were essential to further progress by American soldiers.

Dr. Bush said he had no doubt that Villa was spreading stories of his wonderful victory over the Americans, of how he had captured Texas and that Carranza had gone over to the United States.

It would be easy, he said, for him to make the ignorant people among whom he is operating believe the wildest stories.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, March 20. — Increased activity on the part of troops stationed here and the arrival during the night of a number of troops and supply trains indicated today that additional forces shortly will be on their way to augment the American punitive expeditionary forces now in the field in Northern Mexico. In addition to the troops which detained here, a large part of which were cavalry, many passed through, apparently bound for some point westward along the border.

WASHINGTON, March 20. — Gen. Carranza has formally protested against American troops occupying Casas Grandes in their pursuit of Villa and the American government has replied that the troops have been ordered specifically not to occupy Casas Grandes or any other towns or cities in Mexico. The state department today had not received a reply to the request sent to Carranza for the use of the Mexican railroads in transporting supplies to the expeditionary forces.

In urging the use of Mexican railroads for that purpose it has been pointed out to the Carranza government that similar permission was granted Carranza troops of the use of the railroads in the United States last year.

Mr. Polk declared today that the United States had not requested permission to take over any railroad in Mexico, but had merely asked for permission to transport supplies.

He denied emphatically reports that the request of the United States was

in any sense a demand or an ultimatum. Generally reports from Mexico today were of an optimistic character. Mr. Polk denied emphatically reports that the government had reliable information of plots to bring about armed intervention.

Gen. Carranza, it was learned today, had been urged by some of his closest advisers to offer a large reward for the apprehension of Villa.

Sailing orders of the battleship Kentucky, which had been ordered from New Orleans to Vera Cruz, were changed today to send the ship to Galveston. Secretary Daniels said there was no need for the ship at Vera Cruz and that reports from the Gulf coast of Mexico were optimistic.

REPORT BRITISH IN GENERAL RETREAT

Turks Tell of Taking Several Fortified Lines and 180 Prisoners on the Tigris.

BERLIN, March 20. — The British forces on the Tigris, below Kut-el-Amara, began a general retreat after their defeat near Felahie on March 8, with the Turks in pursuit, according to today's headquarters report from Constantinople, received here, which reads: The enemy, after his defeat near Felahie on March 8, was preparing for a general retreat, attempted to attack by surprise the Turkish right wing, but under the pressure of the center, was forced to desist from the plan and begin a general retreat.

On March 10-11, Turkish troops vigorously pursued the enemy and crossed several lines previously fortified by him. On March 10 Turkish vanguards reached Zenzir Height, which was fortified. The enemy, considering the Turkish forces insignificant, attacked, but Turkish reinforcements counter attacked, defeated the British, and took 180 prisoners, among whom were five officers, and also captured one machine gun, arms, and ammunition.

MIGHT UTILIZE THE INTERNED VESSELS

Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs Thinks Americans Could Join in Common Action.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, March 20. — Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, in answer to a question regarding the statement that the American republics are exchanging views on the question of utilizing German and Austrian vessels, said that so far no common action had been attempted.

He added that there would be no occasion for surprise, however if a common or parallel action in this sense were undertaken by the different countries, which are working under the same inspiration.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. L. Morris has moved from the Melrose to 77 Green street.

E. F. Farrington returned to Barre last night, after having spent a week in town.

George H. Clapp will go to New York tomorrow afternoon on a week's business trip.

Rev. Thomas Cain, a former Brattleboro resident, has just begun a pastorate with a Baptist church in Lynn, Mass.

A. A. Larrabee returned today to East Dover, after spending two weeks in West Halifax and at the home of his brother, M. J. Larrabee of this town.

Miss Gertrude R. Hubbard went to Acuteville Saturday to be bridesmaid at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Mabel Lewis, to Warren W. Sevier, which will take place Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Martin returned Saturday from Amherst, where she had been a month with her daughter, Mrs. H. Lester Utley. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Utley and infant daughter and Miss Jessie Utley. They expect to remain here two weeks.

Safety First. "I wish you to find out who that homely woman is?" "Nothing doing, my dear. She'd prove to be the sister or wife of the first person I asked."—Detroit Free Press.

ACTIVITY IN THE BALKANS

Forces of the Entente and Central Powers Face to Face on This Front

HAVE ELIMINATED THE NEUTRAL ZONE

Only Intermittent Fighting in the Zone Around Verdun—War Conference of the Allies Will Take Up Important Subjects in Paris.

Fighting about Verdun has again slackened, according to today's Paris statement, the only infantry attack reported being an unsuccessful one by the Germans on the French positions on Pepper hill north of the fortress.

The artillery activity has been intermittent, reaching considerable violence, however, on the west bank of the Meuse. There is renewed activity in the Balkans north of Saloniki, a French column having advanced from the entrenched camp and occupied villages near the Greek border, which the Teutonic and Bulgarian forces had entered, according to news agency advices from Saloniki.

The neutral frontier zone has now been eliminated, it appears, and the forces of the entente and central powers are face to face along this part of the front.

A war conference of probable momentous importance is about to open in Paris, where military and political representatives of the entente allies are gathering.

The joint policies to be pursued by the entente alliance in the next period of the war will be decided upon by the conference, which will be presided over by Premier Briand of France.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Radoslawski of Bulgaria is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch to London from Rome.

LONDON, March 20. — The sinking of a neutral and a British steamship with the loss of one or more lives was announced today. The Norwegian steamer Langelle, 970 tons, was sunk and her engineer was killed. Sixteen survivors were rescued. The British steamer was the Port Dalhousie. The mate, pilot and five men were landed. The remaining members of the crew are missing.

PARIS, March 20. — The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. Three officers and 44 of the crew were lost. Two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

The ministry of marine made the following official announcement regarding the loss of the destroyer: "The squadron torpedo boat Renaudin was built in 1913. She measured 736 tons and was 256 feet in length. She was a 30-knot boat, but in her trials had developed 32 knots.

PARIS, March 20. — German forces have bombarded Malancourt and an attack made by them on the French positions at Poivre has resulted in our favor, according to the announcement made by the French war office this afternoon. There has been a intermittent bombardment in the region of Vaux.

65 AEROPLANES JOINED IN ATTACK

British Airmen Dropped Bombs on Zebrugge, Belgian Town Occupied by Germans.

LONDON, March 20. — Sixty-five allied aeroplanes today bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zebrugge. All returned. Zebrugge is on the Belgian coast 12 miles northeast of Ostend. It is one of the principal points from which German submarine operations in the North sea are directed.

The official statement says that considerable damage appears to have been done.

The machines on the average carried 200 pounds of bombs. One Belgian officer is reported seriously wounded.

THOMAS TAGGART, SENATOR.

Appointed by Gov. Ralston to Succeed Late Senator Shively.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 20. — Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman, today was appointed United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Benjamin F. Shively by Gov. Ralston. Mr. Taggart expects to leave for Washington immediately.

No Answer to This. "Mother," said little Mabel, "do missionaries go to heaven?" "Why, of course, dear," her mother replied.

"Do cannibals?" "No, I'm afraid they don't."

"But, mother," the little girl insisted, "if a cannibal eats a missionary he'll have to go, won't he?"—New York Evening Post.

"WITHIN REASONABLE TIME."

The public service commission of Vermont on Sept. 15, 1915, made the following order relative to the equipment of the local trolley road:

"It is ordered that the use of the two closed cars now operated by the Brattleboro Street Railway company known as Nos. 5 and 8 be discontinued in the regular service and accepting as emergency requires their use, and that said Brattleboro Street Railway company place in operation the new car above mentioned (No. 6) and within a reasonable time procure and place in operation another new closed car, in place of said cars Nos. 5 and 8."

FURNITURE CLUB MEMBER IN BOSTON

Brattleboro Woman Who Had Paid \$7 Visits Headquarters—Hirsh Hearing Again Continued.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanlon were in Boston last week, and as Mrs. Hanlon had paid \$7 as a member of the furniture club which was organized in Brattleboro by M. Hirsh, who has been charged by the state with aiding in conducting a lottery and whose trial is set for next Monday, she decided to visit the place of business and select the piece of furniture she preferred.

She informed Mr. Hirsh, when he last called upon her, of her intention and he told her that if she went to the place of business of the concern and paid cash down there she would receive 10 per cent discount.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon first visited the place Monday. There was no sign on Washington street at the number given as the concern's place of business, but by inquiry of the elevator starter Mrs. Hanlon learned that there was such a concern doing business and was conducted down a dark hall to an office.

There she found a girl and about 50 pieces of furniture. Mrs. Hanlon inquired for the proprietor and the office girl replied that there were three men in the concern. They were not in and she declined to give Mrs. Hanlon their names.

Mrs. Hanlon was told that she could select any piece of furniture in the room by paying the difference between what she had paid into the club and \$17.50, but that no 10 per cent discount would be allowed.

She selected a china clock, which the girl immediately said was \$22.50. There was nothing else in the room that Mrs. Hanlon considered worth an expenditure of \$17.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon made another visit Friday. When the girl in charge was asked if the few pieces of furniture in the room were all the concern had she replied that they were moving to a new location near the north station.

HENRY WOOD FACES LARCENY CHARGE

Returned from Bristol, Conn., Saturday with Sheriff Mann—Francis Murray Comes as Witness.

Henry Wood, charged with the larceny of \$29 from Mrs. W. J. Anderson of South Main street, was arraigned in the municipal court this morning before Judge Frank E. Barber. He asked for opportunity to consult counsel, and after conferring with Attorney Harrie B. Chase, the case was continued to this afternoon for a hearing.

Wood was found in Bristol, Conn., Saturday by Sheriff C. E. Mann and was brought back to Brattleboro that night and locked up. It is charged by the state that he entered the apartment of Mrs. Anderson last week Monday and stole the money. He left town, the state claims, that afternoon and obtained work in a machine shop in Bristol.

Francis Murray, who at one time was employed in Brattleboro, was found Sunday in Hartford Conn., by Sheriff C. E. Mann and consented to come back to Brattleboro with the case for opportunity to consult counsel. Mr. Anderson was the first witness. He testified to having the money in the house.

Mrs. Anderson testified to Wood and Murray having come down stairs to her tenement two or three times Monday morning, the day of the alleged theft, to borrow milk and butter. She said that Wood had entered the bedroom once to take something away from the baby. She kept the money in a glove box in the bed room. Murray, she said, did not enter the bedroom. Mrs. Anderson said she was about the house with the children.

Under cross-examination by Attorney Harrie B. Chase Mrs. Anderson was required to answer questions that were intended to show very friendly relations between Wood, Murray and herself. She was on the stand when the Reformer went to press.

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KAHN WANTS A BIG ARMY

Bill to Increase the Peace Strength from 120,000 220,000 Men

AMENDMENT UNDER DEBATE TODAY

A Vote Will Be Regarded as a Test of the Disposition of the House to Agree With the Larger Proposals of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 20. — Representative Kahn's amendment to the house army bill to make the peace strength of the army 220,000 men, instead of 120,000, was taken up for two hours' debate today when the house resumed work on the measure.

As the amendment would bring the house bill up to the proposal of the senate bill a vote was regarded as a test on the disposition of the house to agree with the larger proposals of the senate, the two hours' debate was divided equally between those who favor and those who oppose the increase.

GERMAN AIRMEN AGAIN RAID BRITISH COAST

Nine Persons Killed and 31 Injured in Attack by Four Aeroplanes—One Raider Killed.

LONDON, March 20. — Nine persons were killed and 31 injured in a raid of four German seaplanes over the east coast of Kent yesterday, it was announced officially last night. A British airman brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

The official statement on the raid reads as follows: Four German seaplanes flew over East Kent today. The first pair appeared over Dover at a height of 5,000 to 6,000 feet, one at 1.57 p. m., the other at 2.02 p. m.

The first dropped six bombs in the harbor, then went northwest, dropping bombs on the town. The other raider, after passing over Dover, appeared over Deal at 2.13 and dropped several bombs.

The second pair appeared over Ramsgate at 2.10. They dropped bombs on the town. One of this pair went west, the other north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb is reported to have been dropped on Margate.

The second machine appeared over Westgate at 2.20. Here several of our aeroplanes went up in pursuit. No bombs were dropped on Westgate. The total casualties so far reported are: Killed, three men, one woman and five children; injured, 17 men, five women and nine children.

As far as ascertained 48 bombs were dropped altogether. One bomb fell on the Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate, causing damage, but no casualties. Material damage done: Several houses, the homes of artisans, and cottages were wrecked.

Flight Commander Bone, Royal Naval Air Service, in a single-seater aeroplane, pursued one German seaplane 30 miles out to sea, where, after an action lasting a quarter of an hour, he forced it to descend. The German machine was hit many times and the observer was killed.

According to a despatch from Ramsgate the two German seaplanes which carried out a raid on that place were attacked at sea by a French machine before reaching the coast. The seaplanes, however, arrived over the town and dropped a number of bombs, one of which killed a man and four children. So far as can be ascertained the other Ramsgate casualties total one woman and eight children slightly wounded.

REV. WOODWORTH IN WEST BRATTLEBORO

Expects to Begin Pastorate May 14, Possibly Earlier—Announcement of Gift by Late Dr. Clark.

Rev. Arthur V. Woodworth of Harwinton, Conn., who recently accepted a call from the First Congregational church, West Brattleboro, occupied the pulpit yesterday as a supply. He was heard by a good sized congregation, and after preaching a strong and interesting sermon he officiated at the communion service. He will begin his new pastorate May 14 unless his successor comes to Harwinton so that he can leave earlier.

Announcement was made from the pulpit at the request of the church committee of a substantial gift from the late Dr. Charles S. Clark for the support of the church. The gift was in the form of a \$1,000 bond and was made a few days before Dr. Clark's death.

Investigators in Bavaria have found that the more bread school children eat the better the condition of their teeth.

THREE ATTORNEYS IN PARTNERSHIP

New Bethel Firm Includes W. N. Batchelder and Geo. H. Thompson, Both Formerly of Brattleboro.

Articles of partnership have been signed by Wallace N. Batchelder of Bethel, Judge George H. Thompson of Bellows Falls and Charles Batchelder of Bethel, and the firm of Batchelder, Thompson & Batchelder has been organized for the general practice of law at Bethel. The new firm will take over the law practice carried on by Wallace N. Batchelder in Bethel the past 12 years, and its offices will be the same ones he has occupied in the new building of the National White River bank.



JUDGE GEO. H. THOMPSON.

Both Wallace N. Batchelder and Judge Thompson formerly lived in Brattleboro and were students in the law offices of Waterman & Martin. Mr. Batchelder was one of Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the war with Spain and a first lieutenant of United States infantry in the Philippines under commission by President McKinley, was disabled while commanding Company C of the 48th regiment and spent nearly a year in an army hospital.

After going to Bellows Falls Judge H. Thompson became judge of the municipal court under appointment by Gov. John A. Mead, holding the office two years. He practiced in the office of the late Charles H. Williams, but resigned that position after the death of Mr. Williams. He organized Company E, V. N. G., of Bellows Falls and served as captain.

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE ACTIVE

Effects Permanent Organization and Discusses Plans—Will Be as Little Delay as Possible.

That the project for a community house for Brattleboro shall be carried to completion with as little delay as possible is the intention of the committee elected by the Brattleboro Civic League Monday evening, March 13. The committee met Saturday afternoon and formed a permanent organization by electing L. E. Holden chairman and Rev. D. E. Trout secretary.

There was a discussion of plans relative to a realization of the project, including finances and available sites, and it was decided to meet again within a few days, after some further investigation. After the next meeting the committee may have something definite to state to the public. Meanwhile members of the committee would be very glad to receive suggestions from any and all persons.

The committee consisted of L. E. Holden, Rev. D. E. Trout, G. L. Dunham, C. F. Mann, Mrs. C. S. Pratt and Mrs. J. G. Estey. It may be found advisable to add to this list.

GRANTED CHANGE OF VENUE.

Orpet Not to Be Tried by Judge Who Is Alleged to Be Prejudiced.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., March 20. — Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student accused of killing Marion Frances Lambert, was granted change of venue from Judge C. C. Edwards of Waukegan to another judge of the same circuit. A petition asking for a change of venue alleged that Judge Edwards was prejudiced against Orpet. Decision of the motion to quash the indictment and setting a date for the trial will rest with the judge to whom the case is next presented.

OLDEST PROBATE JUDGE.

William W. Blodgett, Aged 91, a Native of Randolph, Vt.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 20. — William W. Blodgett, the oldest probate judge in the United States died today, aged 91. He was born in Randolph, Vt. For many years he was a member of the Republicans in the house of representatives, but retired from active politics about 12 years ago.

"IMMEDIATE PEACE."

News from Europe Comes by the Way of Galveston, Texas.

GALVESTON, Texas, March 20. — "Immediate peace is in sight," was one sentence in a cablegram received today from London by a Galveston shipping firm, cancelling arrangements for chartering a considerable amount of tonnage.

Men who come nearest to being self-made do not mention it.

C. D. BOYDEN'S STORE BURNS

Serious Fire in West Townshend Early Sunday Morning

POSTOFFICE WAS LOCATED THERE

Postmaster Arthur E. Hadlock Also Occupied Tenement in Building—Fire Started Near Chimney—Was One of Town's Landmarks.

(Special to The Reformer.) WEST TOWNSHEND, March 20. About 2 o'clock Sunday morning the building in which was the postoffice, C. D. Boyden's store and home of Postmaster Arthur E. Hadlock was burned. Mr. Hadlock smelled smoke, and upon investigation found it to be near the chimney in the east end of the building, and gave the alarm. Although many responded to the call there was no chance to save the building. Much of the contents of the store, post office and household goods of Mr. Hadlock were saved, although somewhat damaged by show, water and careless handling.

The building was owned by the Boyden heirs and was partly covered by insurance. It was one of the old landmarks of the town, and its destruction will be looked upon as a great loss to the townspeople. It was erected in 1841 by Ransley Harrington and contained a store and place of residence for two families. From 1841 to 1842 the store was occupied by Cook & Fessenden, then Thomas Cook, Jr., occupied it as a store until 1849. From 1849 to 1855 it was under the firm of Cook & Phelps and from 1855 to 1857 the firm of Z. Stannard. After this no merchant occupied the store until 1861, when Henry Ward had it. Following him from 1865 to 1866 Samuel Thompson occupied it, then from 1870 to 1877 James E. Whipple, and from 1877 to 1880 it was occupied by Albert Herge. He sold to Barker Brothers, who in turn sold the stock to C. H. Groat, who has rented the store but used it only for a store room. Early this fall he moved his goods and Carroll D. Boyden repaired the store, laid new hardwood floors and put in a line of new goods, groceries, etc., and was doing a good business at the time of the fire. Mr. Boyden, on account of illness, went to his home in Townshend Saturday afternoon, so was not here when the fire started.

Henry Gardner, who has been occupying the tenement in the east end of the Boyden building, moved his family last week into the house owned by Dorris Jenison. Mr. Hadlock has moved his goods into the Mary Taft house, and the postoffice will be located there for the present. For many years the postoffice has been located in the Boyden building, and a more central or better location could not be found.

NORWICH BOYS ARE CLASSED AS RESERVES

Are Liable to Seven Years' Enlistment if the Government Wants Their Services.

It is probably safe to say that neither the parents who gave their consent nor the boys who have matriculated at Norwich university at Northfield gave in times past a thought to the pledge of the boys to give seven years of service to the United States army, should necessity require. However, the present situation with Mexico has brought home very forcibly to their thoughts the real substance of the obligation taken by these youths, for, after the standing army, boys who are attending this class of schools would be called into service as part of the reserves.

Boys with military training would be first in line for positions as officers. Norwich is in daily communication by its fine wireless station with the war headquarters at Washington but nothing of the nature of the reports are given out to the student body.

THE WEATHER

Fair Tonight and Warmer — Probably Local Snows Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, March 20. — The weather forecast: Fair tonight. Warmer in Vermont. Tuesday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably local snows in New Hampshire and Vermont. Moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

State News Notes.

Barre aldermen have voted to purchase a Jeffery two-ton motor truck for \$3,100 for use in street work. Mayor Robert Gordon's appointment of J. S. Wilson to head the street department for another year and his nomination of W. J. Clapp as overseer of the poor to succeed himself were confirmed each by a vote of 5 to 1. Previous nominations of H. B. Partridge as street superintendent and William Hurry as overseer were rejected by a vote of 5 to 1 in each instance.

Centre Congregational Church

Saturday 2.30 to 6 p. m., Children's Rainbow Fair in Festival hall. Sale of aprons, fancy articles, food, confectionery and grabs. Tea room. Entertainment at 4 o'clock, consisting of folk dances and songs by the children and story-telling by Rev. Roy M. Houghton. Music by Leitsinger's orchestra. Admission 15 cents.

In Odd Fellows' Hall

Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge. The second degree will be conferred.

Tuesday evening at 7.30—Rehearsal of the Rebekah degree team.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5 EXPERT WORKMEN 5

The Prince of Bootblacks Employed Here

J. H. ALLEN PROP.